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## **An Act To Require a Person under 18 Years of Age To Wear a Helmet While on a Motorcycle**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§1, ¶A,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is further amended to read:

A. If under ~~15~~18 years of age, a passenger on a motorcycle or in an attached side car;

**Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is further amended to read:

B. If under ~~15~~18 years of age, an operator of an ~~off-road~~a motorcycle;

**Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2083, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §33, is further amended to read:

**2. Compliance.** An operator of a motorcycle, parent or guardian may not allow a passenger under the age of ~~15~~18 years to ride in violation of this section.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill changes the age under which a motorcycle operator or passenger is required to wear protective headgear from under 15 years of age to under 18 years of age. This change would bring the headgear requirements for motorcycle operators or passengers into conformity with the headgear requirements for snowmobile operators or passengers on trails funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund and ATV operators or passengers.